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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th January 1953

No. 70/53-Public.—In accordance with the provisions of Article 340 of the Constitution, the President is hereby pleased to appoint a Commission (to be called the Backward Classes Commission) consisting of the following persons, namely:—

Chairman

1. Shri Kakasaheb Kalelkar, M.P.

Members

2. Shri Narayan Sadoba Kajrolkar, M.P.
3. Shri Bheekha Bhai, M.P.
4. Shri Shivalal Singh Chaurasia. (U.P.)
5. Shri Rajeshwar Patel, M.P.
6. Shri Abdul Qiyum Ansari, M.L.A. (Bihar).
7. Lala Jagan Nath. (Punjab).
8. Shri Mareppa. (Mysore).
9. Shri Atma Singh Namdhari, M.P.

Member-Secretary

10. Shri Arunangshu Dey (West Bengal).
2. The Backward Classes Commission shall—

- (a) determine the criteria to be adopted in considering whether any sections of the people in the territory of India (in addition to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes specified by notifications issued under Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution) should be treated as socially and educationally backward classes; and, in accordance with such criteria, prepare a list of such classes setting out also their approximate numbers and their territorial distribution;
- (b) investigate the conditions of all such socially and educationally backward classes and the difficulties under which they labour; and make recommendations—
- (i) as to the steps that should be taken by the Union or any State to remove such difficulties or to improve their condition, and
- (ii) as to the grants that should be made for the purpose by the Union or any State and the conditions subject to which such grants should be made.

- (c) investigate such other matters as the President may hereafter refer to them; and
- (d) present to the President a report setting out the facts as found by them and making such recommendations as they think proper.

3. (1) The Commission may—

- (a) obtain such information as they may consider necessary or relevant for their purpose in such form and such manner as they may think appropriate, from the Central Government, the State Governments and such other authorities, organisations or individuals as may, in the opinion of the Commission, be of assistance to them;
- (b) hold their sittings or the sittings of such sub-committees as they may appoint from amongst their own members at such times and such places as may be determined by, or under the authority of the Chairman; and
- (c) visit or depute a sub-committee of theirs to visit such parts of the territory of India as they consider necessary or convenient.

(2) During the Commission's visits to any State and during any sittings held by the Commission or any of their Sub-Committees in any State, the Commission may co-opt two persons, who belong to that State and who are members of backward classes, to be additional Members of the Commission or the Sub-Committee, as the case may be, during such visits or such sittings, provided that at least one of such co-opted Members shall be a woman.

4. The Commission shall endeavour to present their report to the President not later than the 31st January 1954.

By order of the President,
S. B. BAPAT, Joint Secy.